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SUBJECT: KOLWEZI EVACUATION

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1. MANSFIELD CALLED EMBASSY OFFICER SHORTLY AFTER WE SENT REFTEL B TO SAY UK AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA HAD JUST REPORTED HIS MEETING WITH MFA CHEF DE CABINET BASELE. UK AMBASSADOR HAD DESCRIBED PURPOSE OF LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION REQUESTING BRITISH ASSISTANCE. BASELE TOOK POINT BUT REFERRED TO THE "POLITICAL ANGLE" BY WHICH AMBASSADOR UNDERSTOOD HIM TO MEAN THAT BRITISH ACTION SHOULD IMPLY POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU AND NOT SIMPLY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR EXPATRIATES. UK AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDED TO FCO THAT CONVERSATION BE REGARDED AS SUFFICIENT AUTHORIZATION FROM GOZ WITH POSSIBILITY THAT FORMAL LETTER MAY FOLLOW.

2. MANSFIELD HAD ALSO SPOKEN WITH UKUN WHICH REPORTED THAT AMERICAN MISSION HAD NOT YET REQUESTED MEETING OF
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THE FOUR IN WAKE OF THE EVACUATION OPERATION. UKUN STATED, HOWEVER, THAT "ALL IS QUIET IN NEW YORK" AND HELD ITS OPINION THAT "WE SHOULDN'T STIR THINGS UP." EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD MANSFIELD WE HAD INITIALLY APPROACHE FCO TO URGE A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE EITHER IN KINSHASA OR NEW YORK IN DEVELOPING MOBUTU LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT. WE DO NOT NECESSARILY EQUATE SUCH A LETTER WITH "STIRRING

THINGS UP," BUT BELIEVE IT A USEFUL FIRST STEP FOR THE
PUBLIC RECORD PARTICULARLY IN THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE
SHABA INVASION WILL REACH THE UN IN ONE FASHION OR
ANOTHER. MANSFIELD SAID HE WOULD GET BACK TO UKUN.

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